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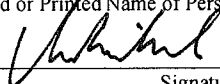
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RE: Request for Continued Examination and Response to Office Action
Applicants: SCOTT, Steve T., et al.
Serial No.: 09/802,398
Filed: March 9, 2001
Invention: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SUPPLY CHAIN
PRODUCT AND PROCESS DEVELOPMENT
COLLABORATION
Art Unit: 2165
Examiner: PARDO, Thuy N.
Confirmation No.: 7547
Our Docket: P00509-US-01 (04690.0007)

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner Pardo:

In response to the August 16, 2006, Office Action (the "Office Action") for the above-referenced application (the "Application"), Applicants make a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and request that the \$790.00 fee for filing the RCE be charged to deposit account 09-0007. Applicants also request that the claims be amended as reflected in the following listing of claims starting on page 2. The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the Application. The Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.